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| Benefits – have a specific monetary value, benefit *some* people directly | Services – no specific monetary value, indirectly serve the whole public |
| * Welfare (TANF) * Food stamps (SNAP, WIC) * Medicaid (Mainecare) * Medicare * Affordable Care Act (Obamacare) * Social Security (retirement pension, disability, dependent care) * School lunch subsidies * Housing assistance (Section 8) | * Military defense * Public education * Road construction and maintenance * Plowing * Police * Fire department * Justice system (courts, prisons) * Postal service * Parks (National Parks, State Parks, local town parks) * Food and Drug Administration * Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife |

**Big Unit Question**:

To what extent should the government take responsibility for the well-being of its citizens?

**Another way to ask our question:**

How much should the government provide for people in need?

**Topic we will be studying**: The role of the government in peoples’ lives.

**What role does the government currently take?**

**How is all of this paid for?**

Taxes, deductions from paychecks (like for Social Security or Medicare), some fees for services (like the post office)